

## Summer 2013 SCVSP Course Offerings

### *Initial Credit (CP) and Content Recovery (CR)*

English 1 -2 CR  
English 3-4 CP, CR

Algebra 2 CP, CR  
Geometry CP, CR  
Statistics CP

Physical Science CR  
Biology 1 CR  
Chemistry 1 CR  
Earth Science CP  
Forensic Science CP  
Environmental Science

Government CP, CR  
Economics CP, CR  
US History and Constitution CR

Spanish 1-2 CP

Latin 1 CP

Art History CP,  
Music History CP

Personal Health 1 CP  
Physical Education 1 CP

Keyboarding CP  
Computer Applications CP  
Desktop Publishing CP  
Web Design CP  
Medical Terminology CP  
Personal Finance  
Entrepreneurship  
Child Development  
Family Life 1  
Human Development  
Parenting Education  
Health Science (Anatomy and Physiology)  
Intro to Emergency Medical Services

### **Test Preparation**

ACT, PSAT/NMSAT, and SAT Test Preparation  
AP Exam Reviews  
HSAP Review

## Registration Procedures

To register for a course, a student must meet with his/her counselor (sponsor) at his/her physical school to determine which online course he/she is eligible to take. Next, the student should follow 4 easy steps:

1. Apply to our program by creating an account.
2. Request a course.
3. Receive guardian/parent and sponsor approval online.
4. Check the [Enrollment Status](http://scvspconnect.ed.sc.gov/) often to confirm/verify your course placement status.

The URL for the South Carolina Virtual School Program is:  
<http://scvspconnect.ed.sc.gov/>.

### **SCVSP Learning Team**

The online student is part of a learning team that includes the following:

- SCVSP online teacher
- SCVSP school-based mentor (optional)
- SCVSP school sponsor
- Parent/guardian

### **Characteristics of a Successful Online Learner**

Online learners should be self-motivated, have good time management skills, and be willing to devote the time needed to fulfill course requirements and achieve academic success.



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## South Carolina Virtual School Program (SCVSP)

The SCVSP offers online courses for high school credit **FREE-OF-CHARGE** to any SC public, private, or homeschooled student. Instruction is provided online by a SC-certified, "highly qualified" (NCLB) teacher separated from the students by time and/or distance. The teacher communicates with students online via the telephone, e-mail, SKYPE (instant messaging) or through real-time web conferencing software, such as Blackboard Collaborate. SCVSP courses are interactive and provide a wide variety of activities, assignments, and assessments. All final exams are proctored in a school setting by a SC-certified teacher, guidance counselor, or administrator. Enrollment deadlines, exam dates, and progress report dates can be found online in the Dates and Deadlines Matrix document available for download.

### Enrollment Qualifications and Approval

- The school-based SCVSP Sponsor will approve all student applications prior to enrollment.
- To qualify, students must be enrolled in and attending a South Carolina public school, private school, or affiliated with a recognized home school association.
- Enrollment is based on course availability and approval by the sponsor, parent/guardian or the SCVSP for homeschooled students.
- A sponsor form must be completed and approved prior to student participation in the SCVSP.

### Local School's Commitment

The following recommendations are made by the SCVSP for each participating school:

- Assign a mentor for each student;
- Support and monitor technical assistance;
- Oversee student access to required course materials;
- Proctor exams and oversee required testing such as the EOCEP assessments and AP exams.

### Benefits for Students and Schools

- Expand the range of courses and opportunities offered to students.
- Provide additional support and extended time to students who would benefit from this added support.
- Allow juniors or seniors who need a course to be able to graduate within the four-year period to make up that course.
- Present high quality instruction to students in special education, alternative education, or home and hospital settings.
- Offer courses for students when no qualified teachers are available to teach the courses.
- Allow students to take a course when there are too few students who need a certain course to be able to assign a teacher to teach that course.
- Provide courses for students who have schedules that prevent them from taking a course when it is offered.



## Advantages of Online Courses

### Aligned to the Standards

Each course has been through a quality review process which examines the content for alignment with state and national standards. Each course contains video content with eBooks of state-adopted textbooks when available.

### Taught by Qualified Teachers

Online instructors hold advanced degrees and/or are SC-certified in their content areas and "highly qualified" as defined by federal legislation (No Child Left Behind of 2001, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act). They have been trained to teach online courses through graduate courses and ongoing professional development.

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